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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the request for Removing the Finality of the Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) mailed November 17, 2000. This amendment is further to the earlier preliminary amendment filed January 26, 2001. Applicants respectfully request that these amendments be entered and considered on its merits.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claims:

118. (New) A method of preparing biological samples from human individuals prior to use to prevent transmission of hepatitis C virus (HCV), said method comprising:

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